

HB 449 -- Limited Driving Privileges

Sponsor: English

This bill allows limited driving privileges to be granted to a person whose driver's license has been suspended due to child support arrearage. The bill:

- (1) Requires those with suspended licenses to make written application with the Director of the Department of Revenue for limited driving privileges;
- (2) Allows the director to authorize limited driving privileges to a person under certain circumstances, including the operation of a motor vehicle in connection with a business, occupation, or employment, seeking medical treatment, attending school, or any other circumstance the director finds would create an undue hardship;
- (3) Requires those granted a limited license to submit to the director a \$2000 fee which will be applied toward the operator's child support arrearage. The fee must be paid within 10 days of the issuance of the license, and if unpaid, it will result in immediate revocation;
- (4) Requires the limited license to indicate the termination date of the privilege, which will be no later than the driving suspension;
- (5) Requires the applicant to carry the limited license while operating a motor vehicle;
- (6) Specifies that a conviction for a moving violation where points are assessed against a license, other than the violation of a municipal stop sign ordinance where no accident is involved, will result in immediate revocation;
- (7) Requires limited license holders to maintain proof of financial responsibility;
- (8) Allows the director to notify termination of limited driving privileges through ordinary mail;
- (9) Prohibits limited licenses to be issued to a person who possesses a commercial driver's license; and
- (10) Allows an applicant who has been denied a limited license to appeal the director's decision within the circuit court of the county where the applicant resides or the county of the applicant's

principle place of employment. The request for appeal must be made within 30 days of the date of the mailing of the denial. The review will be based on the records of the department and other competent evidence and be limited to whether the applicant is entitled by state law to limited driving privileges.